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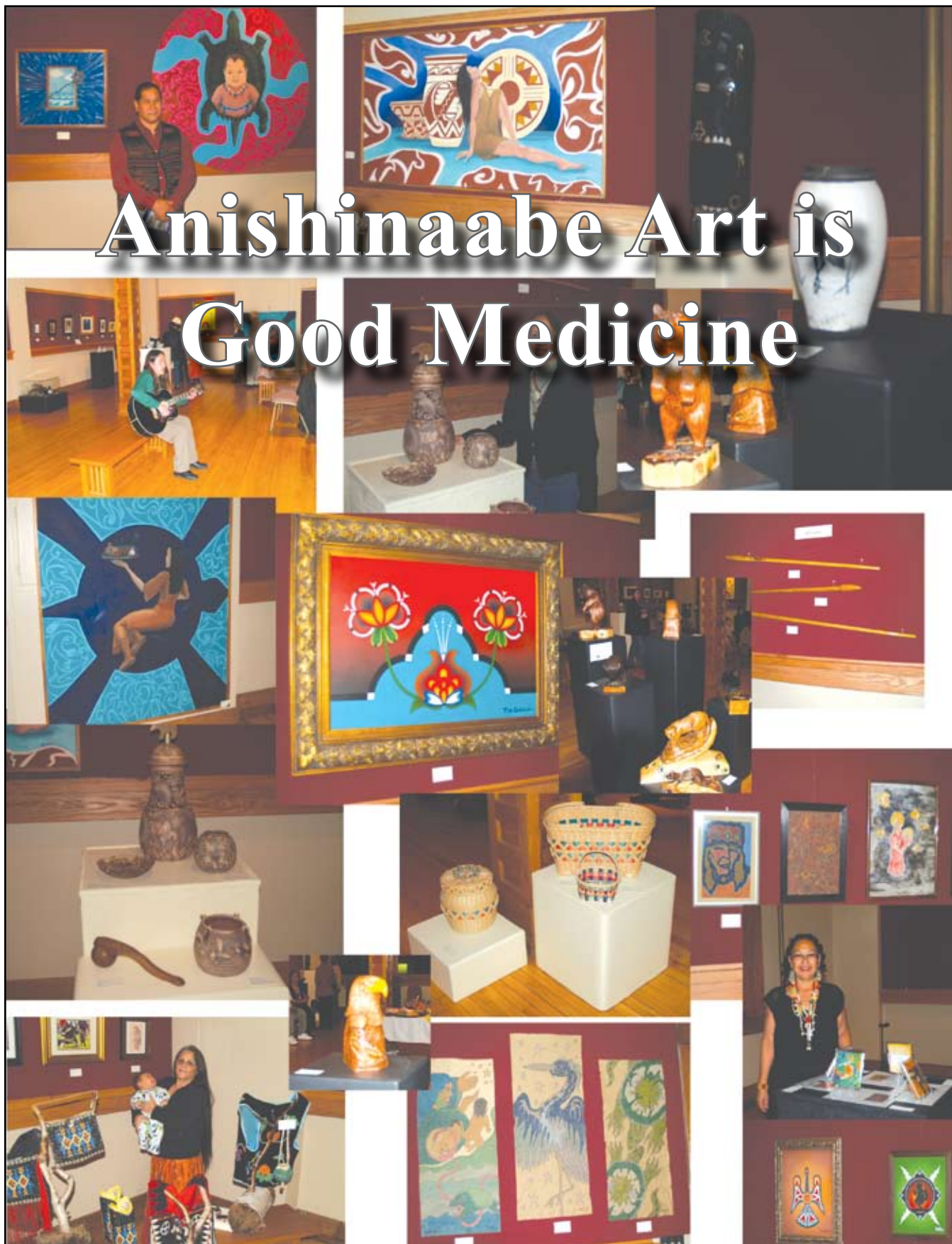
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## Anishinaabe Art is Good Medicine



## MAI and Anishinaabe Art

A unique event occurred in October as the art exhibit "Anishinaabe Art is Good Medicine" opened to a nice crowd on Friday evening, October 9th at Hardy Hall in the Ramsdell Theater.

The Manistee Art Institute coordinated the exhibit to show, "...the diversity of the Anishinaabe Artist. The artists in this exhibit are unique and each has their own styles and mediums. They range from modern paintings to traditional crafts. The featured artists in the exhibit are painters, potters, sculptors and beadworkers. As different as they are, they do have one common thread, and that is their culture. Their culture is a direct reflection of their creative inspiration; you will be able to see this in their work. Many of them use traditional teachings, stories and life experiences to draw from."

The exhibit was presented in cooperation with the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and was coordinated by former Ogema Pat Wilson who is currently the head of the Peacemaking/Probation Department for the tribe.

The exhibit was originally conceived several years ago during meetings between one of the officers of the Manistee Art Institute, Phyllis Cowden and Glenn Zaring, tribal Public Affairs Director. -More on Page 4





Aanii,  
It seems like the Tribe gets busier every month. Our Fall Membership Meeting was held on September 12th and while the overall number of attendees was down from the previous year from 352 to 327, the meeting has been termed as one of

the most informational and organized. The only complaint I heard about the meeting was some people thought that it should have been held after October 1st when the per cap checks would have been distributed.

The meeting was successfully U-Streamed although there was not too much notice other than being noted in the Rapid River News the week before the meeting. A concern was brought up at the meeting as to what information was going out on the U-Stream, which is basically a "live" broadcast in which anyone, anywhere can tune into it. That was one of the concerns we had to deal with before deciding to broadcast the meeting and care was given that we only stream what is or will be public knowledge, but the benefit is that our citizens throughout the United States can actually be watching the meeting even if they can't attend and get updated information right along with those in attendance. Our Spring Membership

Meeting is scheduled for April 10th, 2010.

On September 17th I had the pleasure of attending the State Bar of Michigan's Annual Meeting in Dearborn Michigan, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel to honor Mr. John Wernet, attorney to Governor Granholm, he was being honored for his work on behalf of the State of Michigan dealing with the tribes of Michigan. I have had the pleasure of working with John on a couple of issues and appreciate his honesty and integrity. He was rightfully given the Tecumseh Peacekeeping Award by the American Indian Law Section which was Chaired by former LRBOI attorney, Bill Brooks and also in attendance were Judge Angela Sheridan and Judge Melissa Pope, so LRBOI was well represented.

I finally had the opportunity to attend the Annual Sturgeon Release Ceremony on September 19th, hosted by the Natural Resources Department. Director of the Natural Resources Department, Jimmie Mitchell and his staff did an excellent job. The event was captured by a documentary film crew who were collecting footage of the sturgeon restoration program. Marty Holtgren and Stephanie Ogren have been heading this very successful program which LRBOI should be very proud of. On September 24th I attended the Building Strong Sovereign Nations Planning Meeting in Lansing at the MSU Law School. As part of the Planning Committee, I "volunteered" the Little River Casino Resort to host the 2009 Tribal Governance Training Conference on December 2-3 of this year. Last year the conference was hosted by the Grand Traverse Band at the Turtle Creek Casino

and I attended with several others representing Little River Band of Ottawa Indians including Councilors, Loretta Beccaria, Robert Whiteloon and Robert Hardenberg; Public Affairs Director, Glenn Zaring and Robert Memberto, Director of Commerce. This year's conference will include: Tribal Council Roles and Responsibilities; Fiscal Management in Indian Country; Intergovernmental Agreements; and Tribal Economic Development. I think the training is well worth the effort because it is held within the state and geared toward local tribes.

I am making plans for my annual trip to Wisconsin which will be on November 14th in the morning and will be held in Green Bay Wisconsin this year. I will also make a stop near the Chicago area in the afternoon/evening of the 14th. Locations and times will be announced in the Rapid River News on our website in the coming weeks.

Our Muskegon Project is still moving forward and the main building is completely down. The cleanup phase has begun on the property. As we move forward, the people working on this project becomes larger.

Our Trading Post C-Store/gas station recently scored a perfect 100% on the Helio 100 Test which is given by our distributor, Blarney Castle. Jamie Friedel and his staff scored perfect marks on the test which is administered by Blarney Castle coming in unannounced and evaluating the store and staff on customer experience, merchandising, an overall looks of the store among other factors. Good job! Miigwetch!

Happy Halloween!

Until next month...

The final land use plan demonstrates how the proposed conceptual land use patterns can fit into the landscape.

## Core parcels

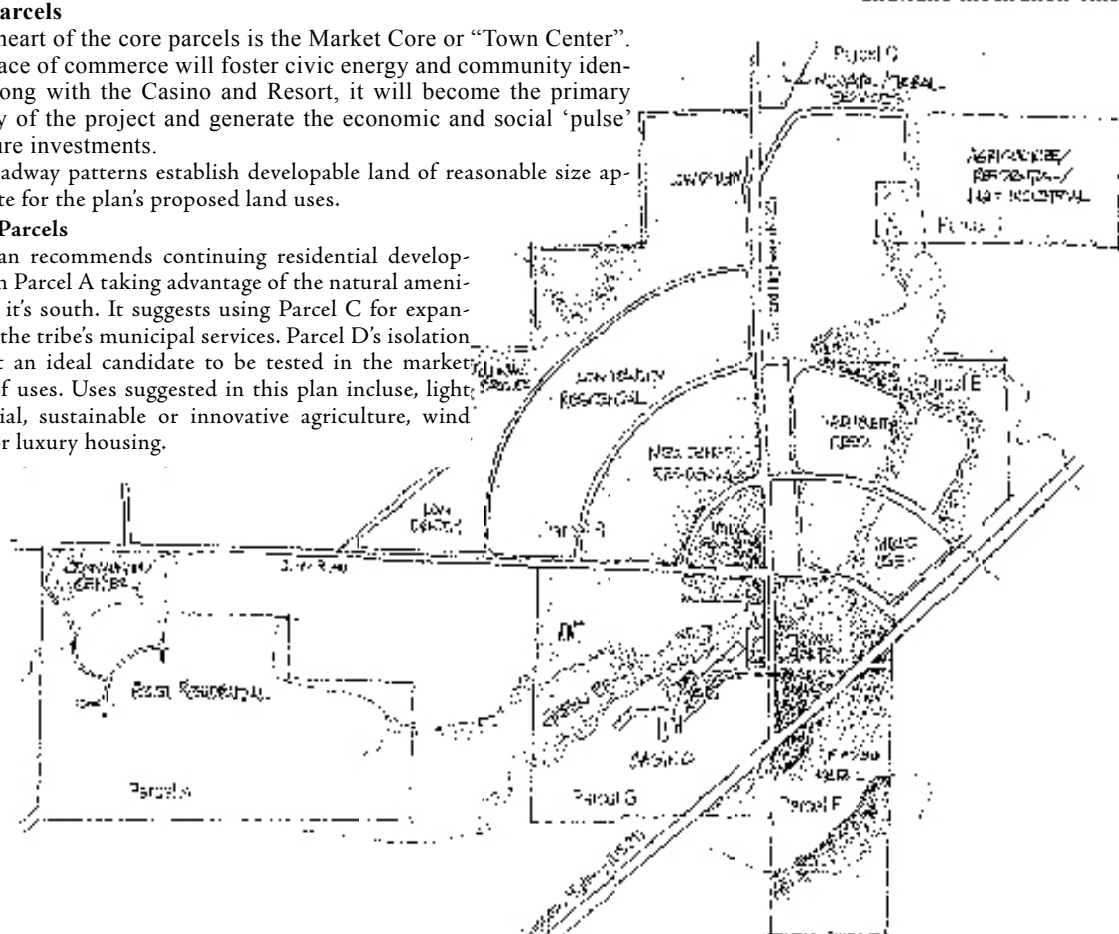
At the heart of the core parcels is the Market Core or "Town Center". This place of commerce will foster civic energy and community identity. Along with the Casino and Resort, it will become the primary amenity of the project and generate the economic and social 'pulse' for future investments.

New roadway patterns establish developable land of reasonable size appropriate for the plan's proposed land uses.

## Other Parcels

The plan recommends continuing residential development on Parcel A taking advantage of the natural amenities to it's south. It suggests using Parcel C for expansion of the tribe's municipal services. Parcel D's isolation make it an ideal candidate to be tested in the market range of uses. Uses suggested in this plan include, light industrial, sustainable or innovative agriculture, wind farms or luxury housing.

Charrelle Illustration Three



REMEMBER- If you always do what you always did, you'll always get what you always got.

## Thanks from the Chief

(Ogema Romanelli sent this note to the Lead Staff following the Membership Meeting) I want to thank each of you, that participated this past Saturday at our Fall Membership Meeting, for your assistance.. 99% of the feedback says it was the best, most organized and most informational membership meeting to date. I have heard more feedback than usual from the membership and almost all of it positive. The attendance was lower than we have been having lately, but there are varying theories on that and again mostly positive. I do appreciate you taking the time out of your weekend to assist. It takes many people to make this happen, and while we talk of the Grandfather's teachings, I believe we as a Tribe are starting to use those teachings as demonstrated at the meeting. So thank you/ Miigwetch on behalf of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.



## Recorder's Report to Membership for September 2009

*Respectfully submitted,  
Janine M. Sam*

### **General Activities:**

The Tribal Council and Ogema have set forward a series of work session meetings to review individual department budgets within the Government Operations. These meetings start on October 19, so the Government Budget looks to be on track for submission to the Tribal Council in November. The first draft is currently available for review in the Tribal Council Office during normal working hours.

### **Legislation Activities:**

The Tribal Council has continued to hold legislative development work sessions weekly. As of this publication, there are at least twelve Ordinances under consideration for amendment, and another three pieces of legislation that would be considered new legislation being worked on. The process is moving slower than anticipated for the amendments and new proposals, as the Tribal Council is without the services of a Chief Legislative Counsel. Please continue to watch both the Rapid River News and the Little River Currents for notifications of legislative postings for Public Comment. The Emergency Amendments to the Muschigon Board of Directors Ordinance were posted, and the public comment period has elapsed. The final Ordinance is expected to be on the Tribal Council agenda in October for final adoption.

### **Litigation Activities:**

The Little River Band is currently involved in cases pending before Federal and Tribal Court. This does not mean that the Tribal Council is being sued, but it does mean that the Little River Band is a party to litigation, as a government. These items appear on the Tribal Council's closed session agenda, and are titled by the Case name. Those items appear in closed, as the Council does deliberate on litigation strategy, and make decisions regarding how to protect the interests of the Tribe. The Tribal Council can share with the citizens that the former Chief Leg-

islative Counsel, Joseph Martin, has filed suit in Tribal Court against the Tribe. The Tribal Council hopes to resolve this lawsuit quickly, in effort to move forward and allow Mr. Martin to do the same.

The other suit currently pending is titled "Teamsters v LRBOI" on the Agenda. This is an action that the Tribe is defending its right to govern Union activities under its own laws. Currently, the United Steel Workers have organized in accordance with Little River Band law. This is a complex matter, and space does not afford me the ability to print a full detailed analysis of the case itself. It is important to note that Little River Band is one of the only Tribes in Michigan that allows Unions under its laws. Other Tribes have adopted different positions, and those challenges may be coming forward in the event Unions challenge their ability to "outlaw" union activity. Currently, Little River Band is defending its right not only to legalize Unions, but to govern their conduct on the Reservation. The Teamsters Union is challenging the Little River Band's ability to pass such a law, and claim that they do not have to abide by Tribal law to unionize workers, because Federal law is already in place. This is an important lawsuit, because it will directly impact the sovereignty of the Tribe, and whether or not the Federal Government will recognize Tribal Governments as being exempt in the same manner State Governments are.

### **Financial Information:**

The Tribal Council has met for its second consecutive month with both the Finance Department of the Government and the Chief Financial Officer of the Little River Casino Resort, to review financial reports for both entities. The final piece of a user friendly financial report that can be published periodically should be in place by the next Little River Currents. The Tribal Government distribution from the Casino year to date through August 31, 2009 is \$20,901,844.74.

The positive news is that even with new competition opening in Battle Creek (Fire Keepers) the initial impact to the revenues of Little River Casino and Resort were not as steep as expected. This situation will be monitored closely, as the Tribal Council has requested that both the Government Finance and Resort Finance Departments continue to analyze and project impacts to operations from current and future competition.

### **Single Audit FY 2008 Completed**

The Tribal Council accepted the FY 2008 Single Audit for the Tribal Government and authorized its filing with the Audit Clearinghouse. Ending my report to membership on what I consider to be a good note: The audit results were clear, with no findings. Considering the amount of time and resources that have been expended in the past to resolve financial matters, to come back onto the Tribal Council and receive a clear audit report at this time is very gratifying. Many people are involved in preparing the necessary records for the audit, so there is no way that I can thank everyone in this space. However, I do think that it should be noted that many hours of hard work and dedication resulted in favorable financial results for the FY 2008 audit process.





The artists included in the exhibit are:  
Patrick D. Wilson – Mixed Media, Painting. Prior to coming to work at the Little River Band, Wilson was employed by the Saginaw Chippewa in Mt. Pleasant as the curator of the Ziibiwing Cultural Center. With a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Central Michigan University and a minor in Museum Studies, Pat brings not only his artistic ability to the exhibit but also his special expertise in the creation of the exhibit.  
David A. Schultz – Sculpture. A tribal member of Little River, Shultz excels in artistic wood-carving. Several of his pieces are on display at the Cultural Corridor located at the Little River Casino Resort in Manistee. He has also exhibited at the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indian Art and at the Indigenous People's Art Market in Mt. Pleasant. Some of his pieces are on permanent display at the Ziibiwing Center.  
Shirley Brauker – Pottery. Combining artwork and legends of the past with contemporary materials, tribal member Brauker keeps the storytelling tradition alive. As both an artist and a teacher of native culture, Shirley stresses individuality and personal expression. She considers herself 'blessed' with a talent for the 'cut out' approach to pottery that has become her trademark. With a Master of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts from CMU she has also attended the American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico.  
Sandy Lewis – Beadwork. Lewis is a proud member of the Anishnaabe Nation and is an enrolled Odawa with the Little River Band. Artwork is an important part of her life and heritage. Her grandmother Julia, was well-known through Michigan for her intricate basketry. To Sandy, beads represent the seeds of life, "Creation" and beadwork have brought her the gift of patience.  
Debra Davis – Mixed Media. Davis brings a unique expression to the exhibit – the application of art to creative cookie design. As a child, Debra enjoyed making cookies and was fascinated by the possibilities of the unique style her mother taught her of painting cookies with

a brush. She realized that the distinctive watercolor qualities of her frosting would allow her to emulate many works of art.

Austen Brauker – Mixed Media, Painting. Brauker, also a tribal member of Little River is a person of many talents. He is an accomplished writer with novels, plays, poetry and journalistic articles to his credit. He is an accomplished musician (as was demonstrated during the opening reception) and is an artist working in many native crafts. His mural adorns the entrance to the Willows Restaurant (Little River Casino Resort) and is currently creating stained glass windows for two Mt. Pleasant Schools. For this exhibit, Austen brings free-standing pieces and wall hangings.

Melissa Zelenak – Photography. Zelenak is a tribal member of Little River and is an accomplished photographer and journalist whose articles and photographs have often appeared on the pages of the Currents. She is currently completing her bachelor's degree and resides in Central Lake, MI. You may see more of her photographs at [www.MZpix.com](http://www.MZpix.com).

Kelly Church – Basketry. Church is a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and she is a 5th generation Black Ash basket weaver as well as a Birch Bark Biter. She harvests trees from the marshes of Michigan, pounds out the growth rings and splits them to use for baskets. Kelly is the creator of traditional, utilitarian and contemporary baskets who participates in art shows throughout the country. She is also an educator and environmentalist teaching about seed collection and the threat of the Emerald Ash Borer.

Tim Gibson – Painting. A Native American of Chippewa and Ottawa descent, he is a Muskegon resident who lives with his wife and their four cats. Tim uses an airbrush and incorporates a variety of designs, with his first choice being the Woodland Indian design. His art is found in numerous Native government buildings, casinos and galleries. He also did the 30 foot long Marriage Feather that graces the ceiling by the Cultural Corridor at the Little River Casino Resort.

Jason Wesaw – Pottery. This past year has been an exciting one for Wesaw with exhibits at two art markets in Santa Fe and Indianapolis; an art residency at the Eiteljorg Museum; a full scholarship to a Chicago Art Institute summer program; a city mural project; inclusion in the International Ceramics Exhibition at the Lubeznik Center and a summer artistic exchange program between the United States and India. He often uses hand-harvested clays from Lake Michigan in his work.

Mary Stone (Rockman) – Basketry. Stone is a full-blood Ho-Chunk, formerly part of the Winnebago nation. She is the mother of 10 children and a teacher to all who want to learn about Black Ash baskets. She and her mother made baskets to feed their families. She now lives in Wittenberg, WI under the banner of "Potch-Cae-Nunk – We who live here."

## 2009 Tribal Directories

The new 2009 Tribal Directories are done.

If you want one of these Directories, you can either email the Enrollment Department or submit a written request to the Enrollment Department asking for this Directory. We will send it to you through the mail or you can pick one up in the office.

We are requesting that Luther Everett Freeman Teeters, please contact the Enrollment office regarding your Judgment Fund Account.

Diane A. Lonn  
Enrollment Officer

## Muschigon Job Opening

Muschigon Construction, LLC, a Tribal Enterprise, has an immediate opening for a Construction Foreman in Manistee. Job requirements include:  
5 years of experience in residential or commercial construction, read and interpret blueprints, possess a valid driver's license and be insurable on the company auto policy. Must have the ability to perform heavy lifting, work on ladders at considerable height and work under winter conditions. Must be able to manage a crew, safeguard the job site and contribute to the construction project.

Apply at Muschigon Construction,  
294 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660  
Telephone: 231.398.0800 or  
email: [info@muschigonconstruction.com](mailto:info@muschigonconstruction.com)



## Tribe 'Cleans up' on Dontz Road

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Police picked up the roadside on Dontz between M-22 and Suida in late September. They have been attending to the trash on this road for at least 6 years now. Thanks to officers Jim Grabowski (Detective), Vance Bates (Sgt), Brandy Johnson-Cook, Cory Mc Gee, Craig Mayo, and Janelle Cook.



September 21, 2009 was the fifteenth anniversary of the reaffirmation of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, when President Clinton signed P.L. 103-324. The Tribe has accomplished many things during that short period, much of which can be attributed to the financial resources made available when the Tribe opened its casino resort enterprise. Revenues from that venture have empowered and strengthened the capacity of the Tribe to determine its own future and to better serve the Tribal citizenry, and to do so without being as dependent on outside resources.

As the Tribe's operational capacity grew, additional space was needed for Tribal programs and other governmental functions. Over the years, the Tribe has opted to purchase and renovate existing buildings around the Manistee community to provide suitable space for growth. Fifteen years later, the Tribe is now operating out of more than a dozen buildings scattered throughout Manistee. This piece-meal approach has resulted in ongoing maintenance and remodeling expenses, coordination and communication problems, and continued overcrowding. Moreover, it has caused a great deal of inconvenience for Tribal citizens who have to drive from building to building in order to obtain information, attend meetings, or access services.

For example, over the last 15 years the Tribe has spent over \$3.1 million purchasing existing buildings and land for Tribal government use in the Manistee community, and another \$1.2 million has been spent to renovate these buildings. These efforts were necessary at the time so that the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government could properly function and serve the citizens of the Tribe, even if it was only a short-term solution.

The Tribe also spends \$225,000 annually for utilities on these same buildings and another \$105,000 annually for property taxes. Furthermore, it is estimated that the Tribe would need to spend about \$800,000 to provide adequate security measures in the ex-

isting buildings, which they currently do not have. Moreover, the cost to Tribal citizens in time, travel, and aggravation is beyond measure.

The Tribe's leadership recognizes that there is a need to provide for a long-term solution that will achieve the following goals:

Improve accessibility and convenience for Tribal citizens;

Improve coordination among Tribal Departments and other governmental operations;

Improve security for tribal staff and facilities;

Provide room for future growth; and

Provide facilities that are more energy efficient and less costly to operate or maintain.

To achieve these goals the Tribal leadership has recently committed to building a new facility that is intended to consolidate most of the Tribe's operations into one or two new buildings in a centralized location. The proposed location is at the intersection of M-22 and Dontz Road, a few miles north of Manistee near the casino, where the Tribe owns several hundred acres and there is existing water and sewer facilities owned and operated by the Tribe.

In the last couple of months the Tribe has formed a project task force and has advertised for architectural services. On August 27 the Task Force interviewed six architectural firms and is now in the process of negotiating a contract with an architectural firm.

More articles will follow in the coming months to keep you apprised of the status of the project. Miigwech.

Mark Dougher



## Workforce Development

The LRBOI Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program now has an assessment tool to quickly and effectively identify barriers that keep people from succeeding in the job search and on the job. The Barriers to Employment Success Inventory (BESI) also helps recognize those who need immediate intervention or special assistance such as referrals.

Taking only 20 minutes, test takers rate 50 simple statements covering five categories: Personal and Financial, Emotional and Physical, Career Decision-Making and Planning, Job Seeking Knowledge, and Training and Education. Once the barriers to employment are clearly identified, the BESI suggests ways to overcome them and helps test takers complete an action plan. The BESI is ideal in career counseling sessions to deal with problems that are often overlooked in traditional approaches. It's a great tool to help identify employment barriers for the long-term unemployed and underemployed.

Many career counselors agree how critical it is to assess client/customer barriers and develop solutions. BESI is a quick and simple way to not only identify these challenges, but develop short-and long-term goals and plans that will lead to career and employment success.

If you know of an individual(s) who might benefit from the BESI, an appointment can be made so I can administer the assessment. Since the BESI is costly on a per copy basis, I will let you determine if the client/customer will benefit from the assessment. The BESI is copyrighted so I cannot make copies. However, a copy is available for your scrutiny at the Workforce Development Program office on the first floor of the Bank Building on River Street.

Please refer the client /customer to Workforce Development and I'll take it from there. In order for me to administer the BESI, the client/customer must be:

- An enrolled LRBOI Tribal Citizen and at least 18 years of age and
- Enrolled in the LRBOI Workforce Development Program.

If you have any questions, please e-mail or call me.

Best regards,  
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## Elders Minutes for October 3, 2009

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm by Ron Pete. Ron read the agenda. Prayer was said by Ron Pete and meeting started at 12:30 pm.

Roll Call: All present-Chairman Ron Pete, Trustees- Sherman Moore, Connie Waitner and Martha Kase, Secretary-Marcella Leusby and Elder Coordinator June Sam.

Guests: Bill Willis

September Elders Meeting Minutes: read by Secretary, Marcella Leusby motion made by Martha Kase to approve minutes, seconded by Sherman Moore, all approved. Motion passed.

Discussion Item: Ron Pete read a news article to everyone pertaining to Margaret Chandler and her induction into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. We are honored to have such a dedicated person serve our tribe, and without elders like her we wouldn't be here today as a tribe.

Discussion Agenda Item: Bill Willis spoke about getting the elders to volunteer to be on the list for the hiring board. He gave the procedures of the hiring board and said there are only 9 elders on the list now. We need more elders to be on the hiring process of the tribe. The Council and Omega Larry Romanelli are working on getting a stipend for mileage within a 100 mile radius. Ron stated he would attend the Tribal Council meeting Wednesday, October 7th and request clarification on the mileage issue. Forms were available for Elders to sign up and become part of the Hiring Process with Human Resources. Bill stated that there were 3 steps to the hiring process:

1) Selection of Candidates, this process allows for the Hiring Committees to review resumes and determine who meets the minimum qualifications

2) Interviewing the Candidates Selected, this would include the review of the questions to be asked

3) Hiring, determining the candidate selected who will be hired and also notification to those who were not selected.

Discussion: Cornelius Deverny & Fran Pitt addressed their disappointment of the Elders not allowing mileage payment for the Elders Conference.

The Elders Committee thanked them for expressing their opinion but did reiterate that the decision was made by the Elders present for the meeting not just the Committee. The rationale in determining not to pay for the Elders mileage and the two night stay for the conference was it cost the Tribe over \$70,000.00 for 167 Elders to attend. It was also stated that as a Committee we need to set the standard and become fiscally responsible. The Committee informed Cornelius & Fran that we will revisit this process and will consider putting a survey in the Current in order to ascertain what the majority would like or expect.

Agenda Item: Elders November Conference was discussed. Ron and the board asked the Elders what they wanted to see on the agenda.

Agenda items:

- Clinic would be there for flu shots, Health Clinic will be on hand for some fun exercise and ideas for our health
- Booths set up and we will have notebooks available for elders to keep their information in.
- Jay Sam to talk about our tribal history
- Pat Wilson to talk about the rolls of peace-keeping,
- Mary Witkop to talk about trusts and wills

• Warrior Society will talk of the list of tribal members who are on active duty in the military and what is being done for them. They will have a table for the sale of the flags and 50/50 drawings for a blanket. This money will go toward helping the members on active duty. Raffles and drawings were discussed. Connie Waitner said she would look into getting the license handled for this. We are also looking into entertainment for the evening supper. If you have any ideas on this or any other ideas you would like to see at the conference please contact June Sam at extension 6880 or Marcella Leusby at extension 6848.

Ron Pete adjourned the meeting at 2:00 pm, Sherman Moore seconded, motion supported by all.

Date: October 3rd, 2009

Respectfully,

Elder Committee Secretary,  
Marcella Leusby

Elders Conference scheduled for November 7th at the Little River Casino Resort. Contact June Sam at 231-398-6709 for reservations. No mileage will be paid but other expenses will be covered. Also:

o Contact Information for: Manistee Insurance Agency Steve Fredericks, agent

1-800-968-6215 or 231-723-2566

o Don't forget: We still need quotes for the 2010 Elders monthly meeting meals

Call June Sam at 231-398-6709.

## Attention all Tribal Members

Tribal Committee/Commission openings. The following is a list of commission seats currently available and also seats that will be open as of September 20, 2009.

Commerce Commission	3 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Gaming Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20
Housing Commission		3 openings as of 9/20
Binojeeuk Commission	4 current openings	1 opening as of 9/20
Enrollment Commission		4 openings as of 9/20
Health Commission		2 openings as of 9/20
NR Commission	1 current opening	1 opening as of 9/20

Anyone interested in serving on any of the above commissions need to submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office. Thanks



## Quilter makes special present for president

By JODI RAVE of the Missoulian

Jackie Red Woman Lindow is a tribal member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

Montana: Angela Sprague Kidder of Missoula could hardly have imagined making a hand-stitched Indian star quilt for President Barack Obama.

And the president's adoptive parents, Mary and Hartford "Sonny" Black Eagle of Lodge Grass, could hardly have imagined they'd never get close enough to Obama to give him that star quilt after his Jan. 20 swearing-in ceremony.

But it's not easy to get next to the president of the United States, even if, as his adoptive parents, you were assigned \$50,000 donor inauguration seats. So, the Black Eagles spent the day like hundreds of thousands of others on the National Mall with a barely a glimpse of Obama.

"We couldn't even see anything," said Mary Black Eagle, 74, who attended the swearing-in ceremony with her 75-year-old husband. "There was a tree in front of me and it was so cold, we had to leave. All I could see was that big screen on the right-hand side. I should have got on the (Crow) float, so I would have been able to see him. I would have been able to wave at him."

The Black Eagles left the inaugural festivities carrying the eight-pointed star blanket quilted with a black eagle holding a pipe in its talons.

As for Sprague Kidder, she's content the quilt she made will still be delivered to Obama, only this time by mail. Plans are also being made to include the quilt in an art exhibition titled "Quilts for Obama: Celebrating the Inauguration of our 44th President." The exhibit runs through July 26 at Historical Society of Washington, D.C.



The road to the White House has been an unexpected one for Sprague Kidder, a longtime community activist and member of the American Indian Movement. At the same time, she's a likely candidate for making the quilt, given that she's spent the last half-century making and hand-stitching the prized blankets.

Her quilting skills were learned from women like her maternal grandmother, Rose Sprague, and Lakota elders, including Alyce Head and Selene Not Help Him.

Sprague Kidder, who is from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the Gun Lake Band of Potawatomi, makes upward of 100 star blankets a year. A quilting stand usually remains set up in her living room.

"See my fingers?" she said on Monday, showing calloused fingertips. "That's all I do. Sometimes I'll sit here and cut diamonds then I'll sit down and just make 'tops.' Then, when I make 30 tops, I'll sit down and quilt them."

Several months ago, Sprague Kidder started sewing a blanket top designed with an eagle. She thought she cut the eagle from midnight-blue fabric. Once she had it under a light, however, she realized the fabric was actually black, a color Lakota elders taught her never to use in a blanket. "I thought, 'Oh, my gosh,' and just put it away."

But word soon spread to Mary and Sonny Black Eagle, who adopted Obama as a son during an Apsaalooke ceremony in May when he visited the Crow Reservation. The couple asked Sprague Kidder to finish the quilt so they could take it to Washington with them.

The couple gave Obama an Indian name, "He Who Helps People Throughout the Land." Some people have taken to calling him Barack Black Eagle.

Sprague Kidder completed the nearly 8-by-7-foot quilt, finishing it with a turquoise-colored background. The Black Eagles took it to Washington, carrying the blanket used for significant occasions.

"We all come from the Star Nation," said Sprague Kidder. "That's why we make these star quilts, to cover ourselves because we're from the heavens. They cover us. They keep us warm."

It's fitting the president of the United States should have one, too.

"They are used for people who have accomplished something," said the quilter.



# More about Jackie Red Woman

Bashkakodini-Giizis (Freezing Moon Moon)  
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Lee Hilfiker recently wrote to Council member Loretta Beccaria about Jackie Red Woman and a personal project of his for a gathering of Elders. Here is his letter:

"Hello Loretta,

I have attached a few pictures of the opening ceremony of the 3rd annual Gathering at Beaver Creek Reserve, Fall Creek, WI.... You can go to my website [www.sacredway.net](http://www.sacredway.net) and on the home page you will see some of the main presenters represented.

Trained in South America but also Sami heritage, It was my vision several years ago to have these Gatherings of Elders come together, as is the prophecy, for uniting our common relationship with Spirit through diverse ceremonies. It is goal to bring tribal Elders with the vision of "All One" together.

I invited Jackie Lindow (Jackie Red Woman) to present here several years ago, prior to the "Gatherings" and she was inspirational and bound the group together in a most treasured way. She was never forgotten. So, as this year's invitations went out to Elders and Wisdom teachers, she was at the top of our list, along Dan Hull, Anishinaabe, and from throughout the world. Jackie's message, her medicine, was one of the highlights of the weekend and we want for her to be with us for the 2010 Gathering.

I feel, as well as others, that Jackie is instrumentally called into this work of bringing the prophecies of the Americas to unfold. At the Gathering we were represented by all the races of Mother Earth and she is profoundly gifted in helping us all to feel our love and appreciation for one another. Her stories and teachings are a great measure of her spirit and of the gifts of the Ottawa people..

I hope that you feel my appreciation for Jackie and her work and help her continue in the important work she has been called to do. If there is anything that you need for me to offer in order for her medicine work to continue, please let me know."

Lee Hilfiker

M.ED.P.D,

*"The quilt was made by Angela Sprague Kidder who said she is a Little River Band member and also said she was a member of the Gun Lake Band. She is former Tribal Ogema Lee Sprague's sister."*







Tuesday, September 29, 2009

By Susan Harrison Wolffis

Chronicle correspondent

**WEST MICHIGAN** -- For 50 years, Margaret Bailey Chandler fought for the political sovereignty of the Ottawa people living in northwest Michigan.

She worked tirelessly for recognition of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by the federal government. She was relentless in her cam-

paign to preserve hunting and fishing rights protected by the 1836 Treaty of Washington. She dreamed of the day when the land where she grew up in Manistee County, an area once called Indian Village, would be returned to the Ottawa tribe.

Chandler, who died in 1997 at age 67, lived to see all three of her dreams come true.

"Amazing," said her granddaughter, Valerie Chandler, of Wellston. "What she did was amazing."

Margaret Chandler will be rewarded for her efforts and the leadership she provided to the Ottawa tribe on Oct. 21 when she is inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame in a ceremony in East Lansing.

"Everything she did, she did for the tribe. She fought for what she believed in," said Valerie Chandler, who nominated her late grandmother for the honor.

Born in Muskegon in 1929, Margaret Chandler was the oldest of nine children. Her parents, Pete and Elizabeth Bailey, moved the family to the Pentwater area to work on a vegetable farm when Chandler was young. In the early 1930s, they moved to Indian Village in Brethren.

In 1950, Chandler was elected to the secretary position of the Northern Michigan Ottawa Association and became the tribe's historian. Her records and documentation were "invaluable," her granddaughter said, during the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians' reaffirmation process in 1994. She served on the band's board of directors and chaired the local Indian Education program, which served the children of Manistee County. She also worked on the Descen-

dant's Committee which provided testimony to the federal government regarding land claims and money for the Ottawa people in Michigan.

"She had to fight for what she believed in, and look what she did," Valerie Chandler said. "She made such a difference in so many people's lives."

Margaret Chandler, and her husband, the late Dale G. Chandler, raised nine children and had 17 grandchildren and more than 20 great-grandchildren. She was employed at the Kaleva Bait Co., making fishing lures, and by Smeltzer and Sawyer Fruit Packing Co. in Bear Lake. She was a communicant and catechism teacher at St. Bernard's Church in Irons and active in the Spirit of the Woods Music Association.

Inspired by her late grandmother's lifelong mission, Valerie Chandler now works in the historic division of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee.

"She's somebody whose footsteps I want to follow in," Valerie Chandler said.

Margaret Chandler is one of 10 women being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

What:

Michigan Women's Hall of Fame 2009 Induction.

When:

Oct. 21; 5 p.m. reception, 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. ceremony.

Where:

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, 55 S. Harrison, East Lansing.

Tickets:

\$125 each;

Available at [www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org](http://www.michiganwomenshalloffame.org) or by calling (517) 484-1880, ext. 203.

## Fish Cleaning/ Filet Workshop

The LRBOI Great Lakes Fisheries Assessment Program will be conducting two Fish Cleaning and Filet Workshops on October 30th. Proper fish cleaning/filet techniques will be demonstrated and a "hands on" learning opportunity will be made available. Please bring a cooler for your fish; all other needed materials, including ice, will be provided. You can bring your own filet knife if you choose but the department will have knives to use as well.

The morning and afternoon workshops will be limited to ten participants each. If more than 20 people show an interest, we will host additional workshops as long as necessary, (or until the fish move out to deeper waters)

When: Friday, October 30, 2009

Time: 10:00 a.m. – Noon & 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Where: LRBOI Natural Resource Department, 159 Brickyard Road, Manistee, MI 49660 (Big Blue Building)

RSVP: Please sign up for the Fish Cleaning/Filet Workshop by emailing [bharnish@LRBOI.com](mailto:bharnish@LRBOI.com) or by calling Bonnie Harnish @ Toll free 866-723-1594 or 231-398-2180

## Homework Assistance in Muskegon

LRBOI has opened up the Muskegon Building to the LRBOI Education Dept., and Santana Aker will be there offering tutoring to all LRBOI students (k-12) and descendants of LRBOI citizens who are in need of academic help. Basic Skills, Time Management, Organization Management, Subject Area Learning Skills, ETC. will be things that he can assist in learning. Also, Santana is offering students computer basics and basic website lessons if they feel that is something they would like to learn

(15 weeks)

WHEN?

September 9th, 2009 – December 20th, 2009

Monday – (1:30pm-5pm)

Wednesday – (1:30pm-5pm)

Sunday – (10am-2:45pm)

WHERE?

LRBOI Muskegon Building  
1101 W. Hackley Ave.  
Muskegon, MI

CONTACT

Email – [SAKER@LRBOI.COM](mailto:SAKER@LRBOI.COM)

Cell – 231-730-3981 (text or call)

Office – 231-398-6654 (During office times only-messages not available)

WHO IS SANTANA?

Santana Aker, is a tribal citizen and Intern for the LRBOI Education Dept. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from California State University, Long Beach, and a teaching certificate endorsed in History, Geography, and Group Social Studies from Grand Valley State University. He will be completing his Masters of Education curriculum in the winter semester, as well as a teachable English minor from GVSU as well.



The National Indian Health Board has awarded LRBOI Tribal Community Health Nursing with the National Impact award for outstanding service to their communities. Community Health Nursing projects at LRBOI include production of two exercise DVDs (Maajiidaa-Let's Move!), yearly calendars to promote healthy eating and lifestyles, summer youth camps and winter youth activities, walking challenges, nutrition classes, elder and youth exercise initiatives. Congratulations to our Community Health Nursing group!

## Optical Service at GTB

Beginning October 1, 2009, GTB will only service members of other Federally Recognized tribes that live in their service area (Antrim, Benzie, Manistee, Charlevoix, Grand Traverse, and Leelanau counties). Non GTB members will no longer have discount privileges and they will be charged the full amount. This is for optical services only. No word on anything else (medical, dental). According to Gina Wright (CHS/EHAP Supervisor) these should still be less costly than regular retail/optical stores.

## What to do if you get sick

### How do I know if I have the flu?

You may have the flu if you have some or all of these symptoms:

- Fever (not everyone has fever)
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Body aches and fatigue
- Headache
- Chills
- Sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

### What should I do if I get sick?

- If you get sick, you should stay home and away from other people, except to get medical care.
- Most people with flu have mild illness and do not need medical care.
- Some people are at higher risk for flu complications and should talk to a health care provider:

- ☐ Children less than 5 years old
- ☐ People more than 65 years old
- ☐ Pregnant women
- ☐ People with any chronic health problem

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### What are emergency warning signs?

- It is possible for healthy people to develop severe illness from flu.
- Emergency warning signs mean you should get medical care right away.
- Emergency signs in children are:
  - ☐ Fast breathing or trouble breathing
  - ☐ Bluish skin color
  - ☐ Not drinking fluids
  - ☐ Not waking up
  - ☐ Irritable-does not want to be held
  - ☐ Symptoms get better and then return with worse fever and cough
  - ☐ Fever with a rash
- Emergency signs in adults are:
  - ☐ Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
  - ☐ Pain or pressure in chest or abdomen
  - ☐ Sudden dizziness
  - ☐ Confusion
  - ☐ Severe or persistent vomiting

### What if I am just a little sick?

- You probably do not need to go to the emergency room unless you have any of the emergency warning signs.
  - If you are concerned, call your health care provider for advice.
  - If you go to the emergency room and are not sick with the flu, you could catch it from people who do have it.

### How long should I stay home if I'm sick?

- Stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or other essential needs.
- Your fever should be gone without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

Source: [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu09](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu09)

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Wexford Co  
231-775-9942

### HEALTH CLINIC UPCOMING EVENTS

Please watch the paper for the following education or activity events:

Traditional Food Teachings  
Diabetes Talking Circle  
Wii Bowling for Elders  
Wii Bowling for Youths

If you have an interest in any of these events feel free to contact Holly Davis R.N., M.S.N. at 1-888-382-8299 or 231-398-6610.

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**Manistee, Michigan**



## Officer Alexander to Training

LRBOI Tribal Police Officer Melissa Alexander, a Tribal Member, is off on a new adventure with some specialized training in Criminal Investigation.

Tribal Public Safety Director LaPorte recently recognized that the high number of cases being handled by LRBOI Detective Jim Grabowski and the department indicated that some extra help was needed.

In exploring ways to get that extra help, Director Joseph LaPorte, set up an examination where officers who were interested in the training could compete for the opportunity to add this skill set to their resumes. Three (3) officers who are also Tribal Members applied for a shot at this specialized training in Criminal Investigation.

Alexander competed in the examination and won the right to go to the special schooling in New Mexico at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC). The 56 training day long school will provide Melissa with critical skills in investigation which she can immediately use to assist our Police Department.

The training ordinarily costs \$10,000 but because of the relationship between FLETC, Director LaPorte and LRBOI the training is being provided at no cost.

TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 10, 2009

6:00PM - 8:00PM

GRANDVALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

PRESENTS

A CONVERSATION WITH  
DENIS BANKS

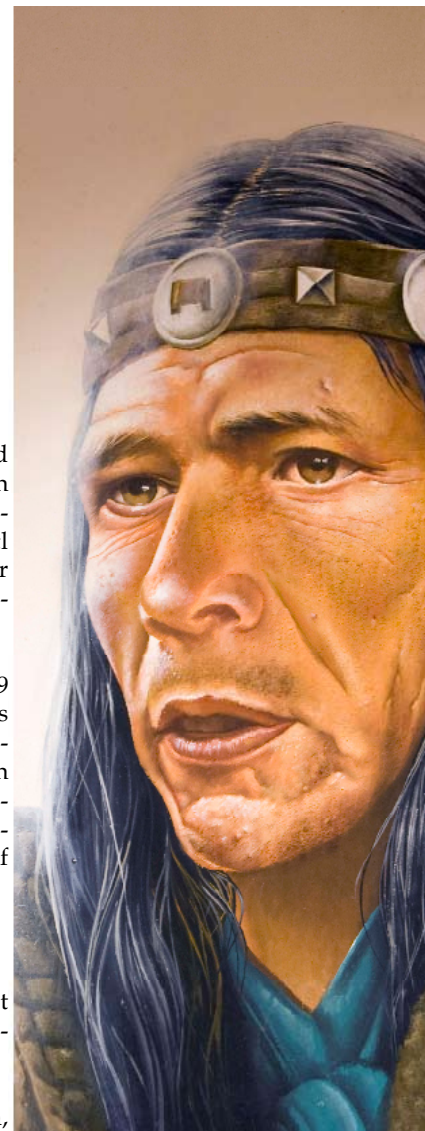
In Celebration of American Indian Heritage Month  
Banks co-founded the American Indian Movement in 1968 and authored, "Ojibwa Warrior: The Rise of the American Indian Movement," published in 2004. He has taught at Stanford University and served as chancellor at Deganawida Quetzecoatl University (DQU), an American Indian institute of higher learning. In 1992 Mr. Banks appeared in "Last of the Mohicans."

The Conversation will feature a segment of the acclaimed 2009 PBS documentary series, "We Shall Remain," in which Banks appeared. After a short intermission, he will take part in a discussion on an array of topics including the American Indian Movement, contemporary challenges and the future of American Indian communities. Levi Rickert (Potawatomi), the former executive director of the North American Indian Center of Grand Rapids, will be moderator.

The public is welcome and admission is free.

Additionally, Banks will conduct a workshop at the Great Lakes History Conference at GVSU's Eberhard Center on Saturday, November 14.

For more information, contact Dee Ann Sherwood Bosworth, GVSU director of intercultural training, at (616) 331-5034.



## Background for City/Tribe Police

The recent agreement between the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and the City of Manistee is the culmination of a lengthy effort for cooperation between the two governments.

Joseph LaPorte, Public Safety Director commented in an interview that the process, "...actually goes back over nine years when I first was talking with Manistee Police Chief Dave Bachman. At that time we discussed the potential relationship but realized that it was going to take a huge effort on our part to get our department to point that we could be a viable player. I needed to start the communication at that time and promise that some day we would be ready. We just weren't trained and ready yet. I did not want us to engage and fail. We needed to be ready and carry our own load." LaPorte added, "I wanted every one of my officers to have training that was above and beyond what was required before we started working together." "It was my hope that this was going to provide for a much better working environment for both parties," concluded LaPorte.

Through the years, the relationship between the two departments has grown at a steady rate. Tribal officers have been serving honorably as seasonal police officers for several years with the city and

have participated in many events with the city officers. Training opportunities have also taken place where the two departments could train together. In fact at every training held by the Tribal Police Department, Manistee Police Officers are in attendance.

Chief Bachman and Director LaPorte have always been very supportive of a cooperative agreement and truly wanted to see the day that both departments could work together to better serve their people and protect the safety of all officers.

Director LaPorte said that, "It was our ability to stay focused on training that has helped us become viable partners with Manistee and other Law Enforcement agencies in Michigan including the Michigan State Police; Mason County Sheriff; Muskegon County Sheriff and the Fruitport Township Police Department." A partial list of the various certifications and trainings for LRBOI Tribal Police Officers includes:

Crimes against children in Indian Country  
Meth Lab Awareness  
Domestic Violence

PPCT  
First Aid/CPR  
Sexual Harassment  
AED  
BIA Criminal Jurisdiction  
Firearms  
Radar  
PBT  
Substance Abuse  
Disaster Preparedness  
Terrorism Awareness  
First Responder/Hazmat  
Critical Incident Management  
Taser  
Evidence Collection  
AFIS/Live Scan  
LEIN  
Report Writing  
Homeland Security  
Counterfeit Identification  
US Captains License (Conservation; except Brandi)  
Methamphetamine  
800 MHz  
Cultural Awareness  
Data Master



# Fall Membership Meeting '09

Bashkakodini-Giizis (Freezing Moon Moon)  
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The Fall Membership Meeting of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians was held on September 12th at the Makwaa Endaat (Event Center) at the Little River Casino Resort. The successful meeting was packed with information for tribal members with presentations from various parts of the tribal government and organization.

Starting Friday evening, Ogema Larry Romanelli held his regular meet-n-greet in the Three Fires Conference Center. Almost 40 members came for this special 'up close and personal' time with the Ogema.

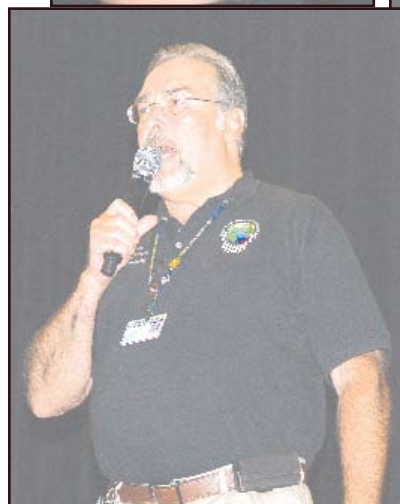
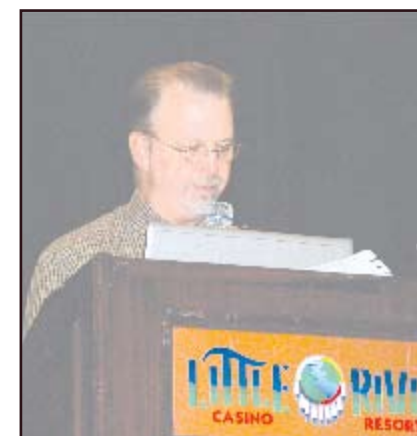
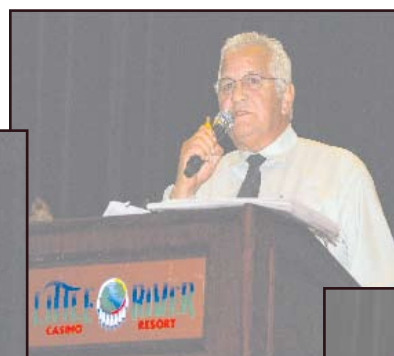
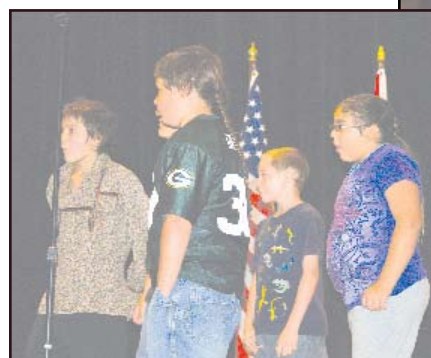
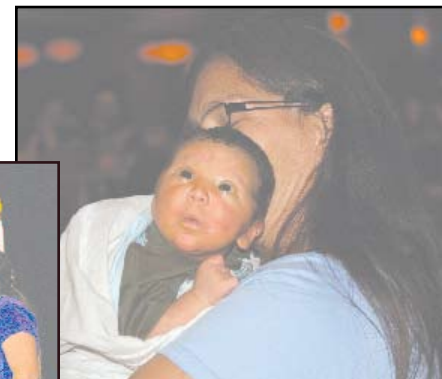
At the Saturday meeting, various departments had displays and informational exhibits in the hallway outside of the Three Fires Center. This gives the various departments the opportunity to talk to members individually and to share information on their activities as well as other programs that affect the tribe and its members.

In the regular meeting itself, the Warriors Society and Swirling Wind (drum) welcomed the crowd of almost 400 members and their families and started the meeting off in a good way.

Presentations other than those by the Ogema included Ron Pete speaking on behalf of the Elders, Mark Dougher talking about the Government Center development, Glenn Zaring addressing Emergency Management issues and the H1N1 flu planning, Jay Sam gave a teaching on the Medicine Wheel and Steve Wheeler presented updated financial information for the membership.

Also during the morning session, workshops were held in other Three Fires Conference Rooms. The schedule is shown here so that you may see the subjects discussed.

This was the first time that the meeting was 'broadcast' via streaming video on the Internet too! Mack Brushman from Tribal Historical Preservation was instrumental in bringing this service so that members across the globe could watch the meeting.





## Meet and Greet

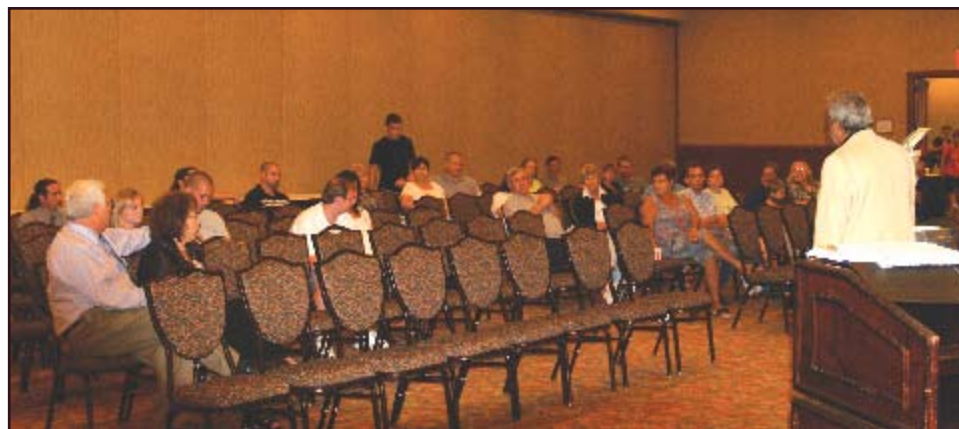
Ogema Romanelli held a Meet and Greet at the Three Fires Conference Center on September 11th at 6 pm. The informal session gave members a preview of topics to be discussed at the Membership Meeting the following day as well as providing access to the Ogema for questions and answers.

Over 30 people attended the meeting, which began with Ogema Romanelli providing an overview of the Muskegon project. The Ogema indicated that the Muskegon community has responded positively to the project, which is proceeding on schedule.

The Ogema announced that the new Community Center had been completed and was open. He talked about plans for the new Government Center and informed attendees that Dr. Dickson is now permanently full-time for the tribe.

Other areas that Ogema Romanelli discussed were livestreaming of the Membership Meeting, the online tribal Rapid River News and an agreement with Manistee and Tribal police. The Ogema then opened the floor for questions and answers.

Thank you to Ogema Romanelli and all who attended.  
(Photos and Copy by Victoria Parker)



Saturday September 12, 2009 INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS  
(These workshops were held at the Fall '09 Membership Meeting)

LOCATION: THREE FIRES CONFERENCE

Ojibwe Room

SECTION A

**Tribal Workforce Development**

Presented by the Commerce Department –

This workshop will present information on the programs available through the Tribal Workforce Development Program. This program was created to assist LRBOI Tribal Citizens with opportunities in finding and maintaining employment. Currently there is a wide variety of programs available to Tribal Citizens.

SECTION B

**Positive Parenting Workshop**

Presented by the Family Services Department –  
Who should attend? Parents, Grandparents, Step parents and Foster parents

This Positive Indian Parenting curriculum is designed to provide a brief, practical, and culturally specific training program for Native American parents. Included in this curriculum is the oral tradition, storytelling, the spiritual nature of child-rearing, and the role of extended family. The Little River Band of Ottawa- Family Services Department Staff have adapted the curriculum provided though the National Child Welfare Association to reflect the various cultural and spiritual beliefs that represent our tribal community. The workshop will provide an over view of the eight (8) week program that is provided to both the Manistee and Muskegon communities.

Odawa Room

**LRBOI Elders Insurance Policy**

Presented by  
Steve Fredericks of  
Manistee Insurance Agency

Who should attend?  
Tribal Elders Age 65 and Older  
Caregivers, Conservators and/or \ guardians of Tribal Elders.

Topics: Insurance coverage, eligibility, benefits amounts and time period of benefit coverage.

This workshop will present elders with information to understand the Elders Insurance Policy and provide an opportunity to have questions answered by a Manistee Insurance representative.

If you are participating or are not sure if you should participate in this insurance, this workshop will help you in determining whether this program can be of assistance to you.

Bodweaadamiinh Room

**Language Presentation**

Tribal Historic Preservation  
Presented by Anishinaabemowin instructor  
Kenny Pheasant

The presentation will consist of Anishinaabemowin learning techniques and picture illustration for words commonly used in the workplace. There will also be a review of the development of the web based instruction website managed by Kenny Pheasant. These learning techniques will be developed on the website and a sample of the web based information will be shown.

## Valerie Chandler: My "Story" As a Cancer Survivor



June 18, 2007 will be a day forever etched into my memory; it is my "cancerversary". That day, I had an appointment with my gynecologist and she proceeded to tell me that she had received the pathology report that morning from a tissue sample that was collected. She said, "there's no easy way to say this, but the results came back that you have cancer." The second I heard the word "cancer" I burst into tears. There I was, 31 years old and diagnosed with uterine cancer. She was concerned because uterine cancer is not common for women of my age; it's a cancer found in women generally at age 50 or older. She suggested that I meet with a gynecological oncologist to discuss my options because although she could perform surgery and take care of me, she said that if I were her sister, she'd only want the best for me and a specialist is what she recommended.

At the same moment I left my gynecologist's office, my life had changed and the fight began with immediate blood work at the local hospital. It was early evening, and my family needed to know the devastating news which was responded to with tears, hugs, and a loss of words. My head ached from all of the crying and my mind was spinning with questions and even though I knew what had happened, I was in a state of shock. I just kept thinking and coming up with "what ifs". Why me? I don't deserve this. There must be a mistake...cancer doesn't run in the family. Am I going to die? Am I going to lose all of my hair? What type of surgery am I going to need? How long do I have to live? Has the cancer spread? The more I thought about it and the word "cancer" rang in my head, I then became angry with God for letting this happen and I wondered what on earth had I done for this to happen to me.

The time came for my first appointment with the gynecological oncologist at the Lacks Cancer Center in Grand Rapids and I was unbelievably nervous. The oncologist explained my options which basically boiled down to either having a hysterectomy to remove the cancer or to take some medications to suppress the cancer and hope it doesn't spread while I tried to become pregnant. My diagnosis came just seven months after I was married and my husband and I wanted to try to start a family; however, we discussed the options and decided it was best to do the hysterectomy so that the cancer did not spread and endanger my life any more than it already had. After the appointment, a cancer care coordinator showed us around the hospital and the rooms where I would be staying so I knew what to expect.

Then, on July 3rd, the surgery day was finally there. I was so nervous that morning and my stomach did flip-flops as we drove to Grand Rapids. Once at the hospital, I was prepped for surgery and the nurses explained everything to me so I knew what to expect, but none of

it calmed my nerves. Once again, my head was swimming with "what ifs" and other questions. The time had finally come for me to be taken to the operating room and my husband, parents, and sister all hugged and kissed me, and squeezed my hand, but even their comfort couldn't keep the tears at bay. I didn't want to leave them; I was immediately overwhelmed by the whole ordeal and I remember telling the nurses that I was so scared and I wasn't ready because it was all happening so fast. I had decided to take the aggressive approach in seeking treatment, but nothing in life ever prepares you for that moment.

A few days later I was released and it was so nice to finally be home, but I was so miserable at the same time. My body was retaining a lot of water from the surgery and for the next week I kept complaining of pain in my side, which everyone said or thought was normal. In the late evening of July 14th the pain intensified and my husband took me to the emergency room in Traverse City because of the increasing rate of pain that made me cringe constantly and made my body shake, rather than taking me to Grand Rapids where my doctor was located. After some tests and blood work, it was found that I had developed an abscess in one of the incisions inside my abdomen. The doctor contacted my oncologist and I was then transported by ambulance down to the Lacks Cancer Center in Grand Rapids.

My oncologist came to my room (even though it was his day off) and said that he arranged for me to have emergency surgery to drain the abscess. After a few more days in the hospital to recover, I was able to go home once again. Within a month of going home, I began experiencing more complications due to openings that had formed where healing should have taken place. Since July 2007 until the spring of this year, I underwent many surgeries to try to fix all of the complications that occurred, of which one that landed me a stay in intensive care, but alas, I am finally healed and now go for check-ups every six months.

It's hard to believe that two years have gone by because I remember so clearly the day I heard the dreaded word, but yet, it seems like it's been longer because of the journey that life has led me on to get to this point of being cancer-free. These last two years have been a learning experience and a test of my will and emotions. Even though I now have a fear of needles, I know that I am so lucky and blessed to not have had to go through chemotherapy and radiation. A few other things that I observed and learned are...that a nurse does not get paid nearly enough for what they do and I also would never want to be a doctor's spouse. I've learned too that not all hospital food is bad and our vehicle practically has auto-pilot for the constant trips to Grand Rapids. I also know that when you feel that you simply cannot move or continue on, there is always some bit of strength deep down inside of you and that in the long run, it's all worth the while to get to the finish line.

Needless to say, I was on a first-name basis with the nurses in the surgery department and we joked around that I needed some kind of punch card to get a free surgery for having gone through so many. I also joked that "you know you've spent too much time at the hospital and had too

many surgeries when..." they no longer ask for your name because they already know it. I also haven't determined if it's a good thing or a bad thing that when I go to the hospital that the nurses listen to me when I tell them where the I.V. can and cannot be placed and I'm able to speak their medical terminology and actually know what I'm talking about. I've come to realize too that when I'm at the hospital, it's just best to make light of the situation and smile and try to laugh because things really could be much worse.

Now, I am still cancer-free and feeling the best I have in...well, a couple of years. After almost 20 surgeries, all of the complications, and everything else I went through, I do admit that it wasn't all entirely a terrible ordeal because it opened my eyes to certain things and it made me realize how thankful I am for my family, friends, and God. When I needed help whether it was emotionally, physically, mentally, spiritually, or financially, so many people were there and my trust in God was not failed. It made me realize how short life can be and I cannot stress enough of how important it is for everyone to pay attention to their bodies and to get checked out when something doesn't seem quite right. Upon being diagnosed, it is always a mental, emotional, and physical shock that can last for days, weeks, months, or even years. Nothing in life can ever prepare you for the multitude of medical tests, appointments, surgeries, and blood work that comes with the cancer. Early detection, such as in my case, can save your life. I am so thankful to have caught my cancer at a low level one and I continue to pray for those who have to fight a harder battle. I am so lucky and very, very grateful for everything that everyone has done for me that no words can compare. I don't know how I would have made it without the support of my husband, family, friends, and co-workers, but I am certain that it would have been a much harder ordeal without them. Thank you God for making me a survivor!

*"Cancer, in all its forms, is yet another disease that ravages our people. The Currents is starting a series of articles from tribal Cancer survivors to help focus attention on this devastating illness in the hopes that you will add those with cancer to your prayers and support both they and their families during their fight."*

Editor - Glenn Zaring





## Kim Alexander Dear Tribal Citizen's



I want to share with you my experience with my cancer that was found on a Mammogram back on 9-5-2009. They found two different kinds of cancer in my left breast Infiltrating Lobular Carcinoma and Lobular Carcinoma in SITU which is a invasive and non-invasive cancer.

I went through 2 reconstructive surgeries and one was a double Mastectomy Lattismus Dorsi Muscle Flap reconstructive surgery. Which I had on November 20th at 8:00 AM I had that surgery and it took the surgeon's 7 hours to complete my surgery.

Lattismus Dorsi Flap is the muscle and skin from the back and it is pushed through a hole under the arm pit to reconstruct the breast.

My feeling about the surgery is that now that I am through with all the surgery and pain I am very happy with the outcome of the surgeries.

My team of doctors where Dr. Jamie

Caughran M.D and Dr. Ronald M.D both of Grand Rapids at the Lack's Cancer Center. They are two wonderful people and have a lot of compassion for their patients as well as good bedside manners.

I completed my 1st step of removing the cancer and starting the reconstructive surgery and the next step was the chemo I started my chemo the end of January and finished up May 7th , 2009. I went down to Grand Rapids once every 3 weeks for 6 months and sit their with the IV in my port for 6-7 hours and the last day I was so happy when I was done with chemo.

Having chemo is not easy I will be honest it is very rough and your in bed for a few days even with all the medicine they give you for nausea and I also got the Neulesta Shot which help build up my blood cells and make new ones. I had a lot of pain in my bones but it was all worth it than to still have cancer.

Well my chemo was completed like I said on May 7th and then my last phrase was my last reconstructive surgery which I had on August 12th. It was wonderful to know that this was my very last step with my cancer. I am cancer free now for a year and 4 days. I beat cancer and keeping positive and busy will help out a lot during that time. I could not have made it if it was not for my family and friends who helped me and prayed for me and my family.

Thanks Everyone  
Kimberly Alexander

## *Follow the Old One's advice."*

--Tom Porter, MOHAWK

*The Old One is called by many different names - Grandfather, The Four directions, Father Sky, Mother Earth. We should seek the advice of the Old One to help us build our vision. He will put inside of our mind and heart the vision that we are to follow.*

*This vision is recognizable by the feeling that it has with it.*

*This feeling is hard to describe*

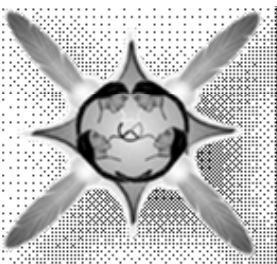
*. It feels right, it feels calm, it feels joyful, it feels warm, it feels sacred.*

*The Old One has a way of letting us know it really is His advice. Listen Carefully!*

*Grandfather, I'm listening*

## The Talking Circle and Peacemaking

By Patrick D. Wilson



The Talking Circle is a traditional form of discussing issues, the Odawa and many other tribes used talking circles to resolve problems, make decisions, and settle disputes. Today we have still talking

circles, some are called, Sharing Circles, Healing Circles, and Peacemaking Circles.

The type of circle that is used more often is the sharing circle, in a sharing circle you are allowed to speak on any topic, whatever is in your heart. Many different experiences, issues, and stories are spoken about. The sharing circle can take many different directions and explore a variety of issues. Today, we frequently hold sharing circles at our gatherings, and find that the circles create a feeling of togetherness and develop an interconnection within those who take part and share.

The healing circle can be the most heartfelt and intense circle. The issues may be specific, or the circle may be open to allow for very one to share any problems. Very often, a chance to speak, and have their problem heard in a sympathetic and supportive environment, is all that a person requires for healing.

Another type of circle is sometimes called a Peacemaking circle. It is used to mediate prob-

lems between people, either individuals or groups. In some instances all that is needed for a solution to a problems is the opportunity to hear and speak about the problem in complete honesty. The participants become aware of the impact that problem has had on each of them. The guide in this Peacemaking circle helps direct the participants toward finding their own solution to their problem. The solution that is developed by the participants is not about winning or losing but about what is best for everyone involved and start rebuilding their relationships.

What happens at Peacemaking, the Peacemaking/Probation Department uses the talking circle concept, there is a difference in the way we use this concept. We have two Peacemaking guides or Peacemakers, one is female and the other is male, this is done to create balance. We start out by gathering information, about the participants, getting the background, and what caused the conflict. In this intake process we look at what is each of the participant's issues, and what they feel will repair and heal their relationship. At this time we explain what they can expect in the Peacemaking session. We explain step by step what will happen, this is done so there are no surprises

for the participants. We start out with a prayer and smudge. We have everyone introduce themselves, going in a clockwise direction. Then we open for discussion, and we start the process. Each person gets a chance to speak, and voice their opinion, and issues. They can even offer a solution. We break down each issue until they are able to agree. When they agree on an issue, it is written down in the Peacemaking Agreement Contract form. We close, and thank everyone involved.

Sometimes a Peacemaking session can be as short as one hour, or last as long as four hours, and take three or four sessions, before all of the issues are covered. There is no time limit on healing.

The Peacemaking/Probation Department is also providing an opportunity for tribal members to participate in a sharing circle. The Peacemaking Talking Circle is held on the last Monday of the month at 5:30pm.

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***Come out and join us for our monthly  
Peacemaking***

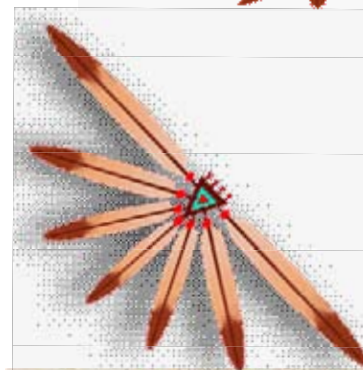
"Odenaang Enjinoojimoying"

**Aanii piish (where) ... Justice Center**

**Wenesh pii (when). October 26th at 5:30**

*NOTE: The meeting is the last Monday of every month.*

The topic of this month's Talking Circle is  
"Peacemaking Re-visited"







## Nangohnsak

**Wegnesh (what) Prevention program  
and Anishinaabemowin**

**Wenesh (who) K-3rd Students**

**\* Aanii piish (where) Tribal Health \*  
Clinic (310 Ninth St)**

**Wenesh pii (when) 3:30pm till 5:00pm  
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## Government Closes for the following Holidays

- \*New Years Day
- \*Treaty Recognition Day
- \*Memorial Day
- \*Independence Day
- \*Labor Day
- \*Reaffirmation Day (September 21<sup>st</sup>)
- \*Veteran's Day
- \*Thanksgiving Day
- \*Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- \*Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- \*Christmas Day

Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety. Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first if you are not sure.

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**The Warriors Society is  
gathering photographs of members to be  
use when thier office opens.**

**Please send photos of  
our Warriors either in  
uniform or in  
civillian dress to  
the address below**



**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians,  
Warriors Society,  
375 River Street, Manistee, Mi. 49660**

# CHS and EHAP UPDATES and REMINDERS

Aanii.

We hope you are all enjoying the beautiful Fall weather (we're still waiting for some Summer heat!) There are a few reminders to all and an office update that we wanted the Tribal Citizens to be aware of.

The only update we have to let you know about is a change in the alphabet sharing which means a change in caseworkers for some of you. The alphabet will be split the following ways:

\*A thru C  
\*D thru J  
K thru O  
N thru Sk  
SL thru Z

Caseworker - Ronda Koon  
Caseworker - Roberta Davis  
Caseworker - Kathy Gibson  
Caseworker - Mark Plouhar  
Caseworker - Krystal Davis

\*Note the change in caseworkers. Please be patient with us as we have to reconfigure the files in the correct offices.

The following are some reminders that we wanted to bring to your attention:

First, please remember that when sending back your application packets or reassessments, **DO NOT** forget copies of your Tribal ID, proof of residence, and to SIGN all the forms.

Second, some of you are not stating your area code when leaving messages. It is hard to find since, out of habit we assume it is 231. Also, if you are in a different time zone, you may want to mention that so we do not return a call to you at 8:00 am EST. I believe that we may have gotten a few of you out of bed way to early!

Lastly, please do not leave your appointment information on the voicemail it does not count as reported until you have actually spoken with your caseworker.

Thank you for reading and have a wonderful Autumn.  
Respectfully submitted on behalf of the department by:  
Gina Wright  
CHS/EHAP Supervisor

## Tax-Exempt Quotas

**Tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is  
175 gallons per Tribal member.**

**Tax-exempt cigarette monthly limit is  
2 cartons (20 packs) per Tribal member  
will tax-exempt supply lasts.**

**Penalties will apply to over-limit  
purchases.**

**Tribal members are responsible for  
keeping track of their purchases.**

Food Distribution Program ( FDPIR ) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodity to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the Commodity Food Program and Food Stamp Program, but eligible households

can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification. In determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the Commodity Program.

USDA Income Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Net Monthly Income Standards October 1, 2009 & October 1, 2010 Household Size Income Limits	
1.	\$ 1,044.00
2.	\$ 1,356.00
3.	\$ 1,667.00
4.	\$ 1,991.00
5.	\$ 2,329.00
6.	\$ 2,666.00
7.	\$ 2,978.00
8.	\$ 3,290.00
For each additional member add \$ 312.00	

Commodity Department serves 13 counties: Benzie, Grand Traverse, Lake Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, Wexford.  
Office hours are 8:00 A.M – 5:00 P.M  
Lunch hour is 12:00 1:00  
Yvonne Theodore, Laurie Jackson  
1-888-723-8288 ask for Commodity Program



## Match the words from English to Anishinaabemowin

Words for this month (November)

Trees	Adeweganak
Children	Naaganan
Women	Mtigok
Pipes	Zhimaaganishak
Drums	Baashkiminsigebiitoojiishkweginiganak
Plates	Kwewok
Soldiers	Binojiinhak
Pies	Mzisenhak
Turkeys	Niniwok
Men	Pawaaganak

## Answers from last month (October)

Shkwaandem	Door
Taaswin	Cupboard
Mchisak	Floor
Nibaagan	Bed
Dopwin	Table
Mzinchigan	Picture
Waasechigan	Window
Waabowaan	Blanket
Pabwin	Chair
Wawaskwanenjigan	Light

To hear the pronunciation of these words you can dial our toll free number at 1-888-723-8288 then listen to your options then push # 6.

Submitted by Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant, from Historical Preservation Dept.

If you have any questions please call 1-231-398-6892



## The Tradition of Ghost Suppers

The tradition of a Ghost Supper, or Feast of the Dead, is celebrated yearly to honor our departed loved ones with a meal and remembrances. Throughout the years, changes may have been made from what some people remember long ago, but the meaning has remained the same.

According to Christian beliefs, All Soul's Day occurs on November 2nd, thus our adaptation for celebrating and honoring our loved ones at this same time. Often, families gather together to host the suppers at their private homes and so that everyone can partake, the dates are sometimes spaced apart throughout the month of November. Community members may often attend several Ghost Suppers and each individual that attends represents a spirit.

Generally, the foods that are prepared for the feast are those most enjoyed by the departed or a dish that they were remembered for making. Most often at a Ghost Supper one can expect to find meals of fish, venison, wild rice, fry bread, corn, squash, potatoes, and

other traditional staples. A ceremonial fire is lit and maintained outside at which praying and a quiet time for reflection and remembrance is customary. Prior to the feasting, a prayer is said and a plate with a little bit of every dish is prepared and offered in the fire to honor those who are no longer physically with us. Typically, this time is for remembrance and fellowship with the living and the dead.

Besides food, gifts are set out and offered so that the spirits can partake of these offerings that they may be missing. Some of these gifts may include sema (tobacco), wiingash (sweetgrass), mshkwadewashk (sage), and kiishig (cedar). Non-traditional gifts may include candy, coffee, flowers, or some other favorite item that your loved one may be missing.

Traditionally, the Ghost Supper continues until all of the food is gone and at times they have been known to go on until the early morning hours or longer. Often, native communities host a community-wide Ghost Supper at a central location, which is what we do here at Little River.

### Wegnesh:

LRBOI Community Ghost Supper

### Aanii Piish:

LRBOI Community Center  
(at Aki Maadiziwin)

### Wenesh Pii:

Sunday, November 1, 2009 at 4:07 p.m.

Please bring your loved one's favorite dish to pass.

Meat, beverage, and tableware will be provided.



## The following positions may be available in the near future.



**Hotel Manager:** Overall responsibility for the planning and directing of the hotel personnel including all related management functions. High school diploma or GED required. At least 21 years of age, 4 Year Degree in Hospitality Management or related field and 2 years experience in a Hotel Operations Supervisory position or 6 years experience in a Hotel Operations Supervisory position, 2 years experience managing an in-house call center or reservations, setting rate structure and strategies using yield management technique. Valid Driver's License (Chauffeur's license within 90 days of employment) and be insurable on Company's Policy Experience operating a variety of motor vehicles, including both automatic and manual transmission. First Aid and CPR certification or ability to obtain within 60 days of employment are required.

**IT Technician:** Performs organizational data processing functions. Performs basic maintenance and repair on all IT administered equipment. High school diploma or GED required. At least 21 years of age. 1 year troubleshooting experience with current versions of MS operating systems and applications Comp TIA A+ certification (must have at time of employment or ability to demonstrate proficiency) Windows 2000 and XP knowledge.

**Gaming Systems Administrator:** Manages, configures and maintains gaming business system applications, delegates procedural and project tasks to Systems Analysts, provides user training, and coordinates and organizes data processing functions. Successful Candidates must possess a combined 4 years of documented education in a computer related discipline and 2 years of IT experience with at least 2 years experience administering/supporting the Aristocrat OASIS Casino Management System OR 6 years of IT experience with at least 2 years experience administering/supporting the Aristocrat OASIS Casino Management System. Must also have advanced knowledge of Windows 2000, XP and 2003 Server Office as well as Comp TIA A+ and MCDBA Certification or ability to demonstrate knowledge. All applicants must meet age requirements and possess a high school diploma or GED.

**Sous Chef:** Supervises staffs and monitors Food & Beverage back of the house operations according to the guidelines and policies of the Little River Casino Resort and the Food & Beverage Department. High school diploma or GED. At least 21 years of age. A 2-year Culinary Degree and 3 years experience cooking in a high volume, multiple outlet (1 mil per annum) Food & Beverage Operation, one of which must be fine dining

Or  
5 years experience cooking in a high volume, multiple outlet Food & Beverage operation,

two of which must be fine dining, 2 years Lead Cook or Kitchen supervisory experience. Knowledge of all aspects of food operations including ordering, inventory control, scheduling, developing and analyzing recipes, quality control, cleanliness, sanitation, production planning, production methods, waste control and food costing. Front of the House, process and systems experience and knowledge. High level of culinary knowledge including; mother and secondary sauces, meat fabrication, product identification and specification, quality standards, terminology, beverages and classical preparation, ServSafe (must obtain within 90 days of employment), TAM certification (must obtain within 90 days of employment), LRCR supervisor/manager orientation program certification (must obtain within 120 days of employment).

**HR Generalist:** Provide generalist support in all Human Resources functions. Provide guidance and feedback to employees at all levels of the organization on policy interpretation, procedures, and best practices. Ensure compliance with Federal and Tribal laws. At least 21 years of age High school diploma or GED required 2- year degree in Human Resources or business and 4-years Human Resources generalist experience or 6 years experience in an HR Generalist role in a business environment with emphasis in employee labor relations. 1-year experience in a supervisory or managerial role. Strong working experience in the following disciplines: employee and labor relations, workforce planning and benefits and compensation administration. Strong working knowledge of statutes related to employment law, including but not limited to: Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, Age Discrimination and Employment Act, Sexual Harassment, the Fair Labor Standards Act and the National Labor Relations Act. Working knowledge of benefits programs administration including federal laws governing 401(k), ERISA, COBRA, HIPAA, Family Medical Leave, ADA, Workers Compensation, Section 125 and Tribal/Federal/State laws with 90-days to acquire knowledge of Tribal law.

**Conference Sales Manger:** This position is responsible for developing and coordinating banquets and conference business for the Little River Casino Resort. This is a non-commissioned sales position. Candidates must possess all of the following qualifications: High school diploma or GED required At least 21 years of age 4 year degree in Hospitality Management or related field and 2 years experience in Direct Sales or 2 year degree in Hospitality Management or related field and 4 years experience in Direct Sales 2 years previous supervisory experience Knowledge of principles and methods for showing, promoting, and seeing products or services, which includes strategy, tactics, product sampling, sales techniques and

sales control systems Valid Driver's License and be insurable on Company's Policy Ability to travel and/or attend off property events which will require overnight travel.

*The following positions are available on an on going basis.*

**Bus Person:** Cleans and resets the tables after the customers leave. Keeps the bus station stocked with clean goods and assists the wait staff with customer service. At least 18 years of age.

**Steward:** Supports kitchen staff in everyday function in all outlets. Wash dishes, pots, pans, and equipment. Maintains general cleanliness and heavy cleaning of kitchen. Attends to the Willows buffet and EDR by ensuring cleanliness and adequate supply of food. At least 18 years of age

**Restaurant Server:** Serve guests quickly, efficiently, professionally and with complete knowledge of food, beverage and banquet menus throughout the resort as needed. Offers superior customer service and maintains station or section in a clean and orderly manner throughout shift. Serves food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages to patrons seated at tables, conference center, event center within the standards and guidelines prescribed. This is a tipped position, with the exception of working Banquets. At least 18 years of age. High School Diploma or GED. 6 months prior food serving experience Serve Safe and TAM certification (must obtain within 90 days of employment)

**Hotel Housekeeping:** Performs cleaning of guest rooms and assists with laundry and house person duties as needed, while providing outstanding customer service to all casino and hotel guests. At least 18 years of age.

If qualified for any of these positions, we highly encourage Tribal Members to submit resume and salary requirements to:

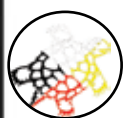
Little River Casino Resort  
Attn: Recruiting  
P.O. Box 417 Manistee, MI 49660  
Phone: (231) 723-4530  
Fax: (231) 723-1589  
Email: janineg@lrcr.com

Tribal Preference will be followed in accordance with the LRBOI- Indian Preference in Employment (Ordinance #04-600-02)



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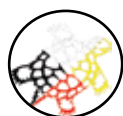
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## Tribal Government Internships



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231-398-6806

Congratulation Calvin Austin Jr on your accomplishments!! We are so proud of you. Miigwech for being in our lives. Love Always, Julie, Joklissa, Jacob, Jasmine,

Jacquelyn & Jessie James

*Spring*



I love you Spring

She weighed in at 7 lb 6 oz. She was a tiny dark hair pixie. We've learned through the years that she may be small but she sure is mighty!! Spring learned everything early, she started walking at 7 ½ months. She was talking in 3 word sentences by 18 months, and she hasn't stopped talking since!!!! She excelled in everything she did. She was the area 4th grade Spelling Bee Champ and was on the dean's list at college. She's my baby girl!!! And I'm so proud of her!!  
Spring Marie (Leusby) Tuttle  
My beautiful baby girl



We love you Hazel

Soft moss a downey pillow make, green leaves spread a tent.  
Where fairies may rest and sleep until thier night is spent.  
The bluebirds sing a lullaby, thier firefly give a light,  
The twinkling stars are candles bright,  
Sleep Fairies all, Good night.

Do I smell  
birthday  
cake?

Happy Birthday Blake on November 5th with love from Mom, Brock, Blaire and Grandpa

Happy Birthday Kyle Eagle!  
Love All of us

Happy Birthday Grandpa Chief  
Love All of us!



Robert, Melissa, Dakota, & Cheyenne Renner, Renee Robert & Brittney proudly announce the arrival of Shawnee Dawn Renner born Augh. 14th 2009 at 8am she withghed 7 lbs. 5oz and measured 20" long.



## Walked on

David Moby Jr. age 69 of Sixth Avenue in Manistee, formerly of East Jordan, died Friday, Oct. 2 2009 in Jackson. He was born March 4, 1940 in Phelps, Wis. son of late David Sr. and Eliza (Webb) Moby.

David loved watching football on TV, playing Cribbage, cards and was quite the "people" person. He was a member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and also a member of St. Mary of Mont Carmel Shrine Catholic Church of Manistee.

He is survived by two sisters, Evelyn Cook and Susane Moby both of Manistee; his nieces, Anna Smith of Traverse City, Annmarie Penfold of Palos Park Ill., and Carol Wells of East Jordan; one nephew, George Berry of Fayetteville, N.C.

David was preceded in death in addition to his parents by his brother, Joseph Moby, his sister Dorothy Anderson and one niece Jenneatte Cook.

## In loving memory

Hazel Foster, 70, of Forest Grove, Oregon passed away October 17th, 2008 at Tuality Hospital in Forest Grove, Oregon. She was born April 3rd, 1938 in Luther, Michigan. Hazel was the daughter of Alice (Pete) and Claude Moore. She was preceded in death by her first Art Briggs, who passed away on 1983. She was also preceded in death by her mother and father, 3 brothers, Oscar, Van and Clifford, and 1 sister, Nina Rockinger. Also 4 children: Jeffery, Freeland, Rosemary, and Sherman.

Survivors include her loving husband Bob Foster, whom she married in 1985. Daughters: Betty Briggs, June (Jim) Graves, Sandy (Bob) Shaddon, Kay (Jim) Dykes, Ethle (Don) Briggs, Alice (Bruce) Thayer, Goldie (Dave) Butcher, and daughter-in-law Corky Briggs. Sons; Art (Janelle ) Briggs, Robin (Wanda) Briggs, Claude ((Jodie) Briggs, Mike (Athena) Briggs, and Billy Briggs.

Hazel had 51 grandchildren and 48 great grandchildren. She also leaves behind sisters, Linda (Hank) Hoover of Luther and Christine Hoover of Luther. One Brother, Sherman (Felisa) Moore of Bear Lake and numerous nephews and nieces.

Hazel loved being with her family. Bob, her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren were the light of her life. She was a homemaker and took good care of Bob and her family. She was a collector of Fairies, she displayed them in her home and all around her yard. Bob even made her a lighted window in front of her house so she could show off her fairies.

She was greatly loved by her family and friends and will be sadly missed



# Warriors Society updates:

o Special meeting in November! On the 8th of November, the Warriors Society will have a special meeting to honor those members whose names are on the monument at the Casino Resort. In addition, they will be holding an election for the seat of Vice Chairperson.

- ☐ Meeting time is 11:30 AM
- ☐ Changes in the By Laws (Elected officials to serve only 2 years)
- ☐ Lunch to be served at 12 Noon (catered by the Casino.....Thank you RON!!!!!!)
- ☐ Announcements of new names on Memorial

o Veteran's Day November 11th at:

- ☐ 8:00 a.m. - Veterans are encouraged to visit the LRCR Players Club Booth to receive one complimentary, limited edition, Veterans Day hat. (while supplies last)
- ☐ 11:00 a.m. - A special salute to the Armed Forces will take place at the Welcoming Hearth (hotel lobby area). All local Veterans are welcome.

o Iraq/Afghanistan. The Warriors Society wants to know if you have family members currently on active duty in either of these two theatres of operation. If so, please send the information to the Warriors Society at 375 River Street, Manistee, MI 49660




Tribal Member Tom Wahr is shown with his male Black Bear which dressed out to 250 lbs.

## Enigokamigak

(The World)

**Come and  
Dance With  
The World**



**1,000  
Dancers!**

## Pow Wow

Uniting General Council Event

**Where:** On the shores of the Grand River at  
Ah-Nah-Awen Park in downtown  
Grand Rapids, MI.

**When:** Tuesday, June 22, 2010

**Time:** One afternoon session only -  
4:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

**MC:** To be announced

**Head Dancers:** Female: Wilma Kelly      Male: To be announced

**Host Drum:** To be announced

Come and celebrate this historic, one-time event with us as we welcome over 100 countries to our land. This is our opportunity to show the world the beauty of our Native culture and highlight the skills of our artists. Organizers look forward to the participation of Native American/First Nation peoples from throughout the Great Lakes region, as well as other parts of the United States and Canada.

**Dancers, artists, and vendors who wish to participate or would like more information should call:**

**Levi Rickert 616/299-7542 • Mike Peters 616/745-8733**



Karen Draper #1327 This is the Elk I shot Sep 2 2009, near Gaylord 600 lbs 4 by 4 Thanks Karen



# Currents

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*Megwa Ezhiweback*

*Bashkakodini-Giizis (Freezing Moon Moon)*  
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## 6th Annual Nme' Release

by Victoria Parker

MANISTEE—Marty Holtgren, Senior Inland Fisheries Biologist for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, addressed the crowd gathered at Rainbow Bend in Manistee, Michigan. Speaking of

and respect, these crews then feed and care for every fish, every day. They come to know each one and ensure they never leave Manistee River water. As Holtgren says, the Nme' are imprinted by the river water and belong in it. After being nurtured within their natal water in the facility, the Nme' are tagged with a radio tracking device that enables the biologists to monitor the Sturgeon's initial return to the river as well as identify them in the future. Previously tagged fish have already been discovered in Lake Michigan, a sign, Holtgren says, that the biological aspect of the program is a success. A sign that the cultural aspect is succeeding is that area fishing guides and fishermen alert the Fisheries Department when the young Nme' arrive. The Grandfather Nme' are quietly reestablishing the human connection to the environment.

The celebrating crowd at River Bend provided another sign that the cultural component of the Nme' Stewardship Plan is flourishing. Tours of the Streamside Rearing Facility were given, children played games and learned about the fish, and Ogema Romanelli presented several LRBOI Fisheries partners with tribal gifts. A documentary film crew was even on hand to record the Lake Sturgeon Release and carry the message of the Nme' to a wider audience.

As the Swirling Winds drum provided a traditional send-off, the young fish swam into the river to continue their peaceful work. The bridge between the Nme' and the people is a reality once more.

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